

LAMAR IS OUSTED FROM BIG ESTATE

Supreme Court of United States Decides Case Against Broker.

LITIGATION LASTS YEARS

Many Sensational Episodes in Career of Man Who Enjoys Favor of Financiers.

By decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, David Lamar has finally been ousted from the estate in the Rumson road, near Red Bank, N. J., which he has retained for four years against the efforts of its owner, Albert G. Spaulding, to dispossess him.

The litigation has been sensational and involved and embraced successful appeals to courts in New Jersey, with echoes in the bankruptcy courts of New York, finally concluding with the effort to have the Supreme Court decide that Lamar would be deprived of his constitutional rights if the order of ejectment of the New Jersey court of last instance should be carried out.

In the court of errors and appeals in Trenton last Friday the decision of the United States Supreme Court was filed. It sustains the action of the New Jersey tribunal and directs that the Rumson road property shall be turned over to Spaulding. The original order of ejectment was issued by the court of chancery and sustained by the court of errors and appeals.

Figures in Episodes.
David Lamar has figured in many sensational episodes both before and since the beginning of the remarkable litigation about this property. His name was often mentioned in connection with the suit of J. Aspinwall Hodge, Bernard Smith, Lamar's brother-in-law, and William H. Curtiss against the United States Steel Corporation and others in July, 1902, to prevent the retirement of its preferred stock and the issue of \$250,000,000 in bonds instead.

In this suit James H. Lancaster, who was only an automobile mechanic, made affidavit as an expert in steel making that the whole property of the steel corporation, which was worth more than \$500,000,000, Lancaster subsequently swore that Lamar paid him for making this affidavit. When the Peter Power suit to prevent the merger of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern roads brought Lamar's name was mentioned, when the real identity of the Power was disclosed with considerable attendant scandal. Power worked for Lancaster.

Enjoys Favor of Keene.
Enjoying the favor of James R. Keene and other men of importance in finance, Lamar was very prosperous a few years ago. He owned famous trotters, occupied a fine residence at 618 Fifth avenue, and offices at 30 Broad street at New York.

While he was resident in the Rumson road home, litigation for its possession had begun, he was indicted, tried, and acquitted on a charge of complicity in an attack made upon James McMahon, his former coachman, by "Monk Eastman," a notorious ruffian, and four other men of the same class, who went to Long Branch, apparently under instructions.

W. L. Strong Once Owned Estate.
The Rumson road place is a very valuable one, with a large house and about sixty acres of land. It belonged to William L. Strong several years ago and he sold it to Mr. Spaulding, retaining a mortgage of \$100,000. Spaulding sold the place to Bernard Smith, Lamar's brother-in-law, in April, 1901, for \$35,000 cash and a second mortgage of \$25,000, the first mortgage remaining.

When, in 1902, the time arrived for payment of the second mortgage, Smith defaulted and Spaulding brought his first suit to foreclose the second mortgage in May, 1902. In January following a final decree of sale \$25,000 and the made. Lamar, however, obtained an extension of time by paying \$1,000 on account. When the balance of the mortgage was not paid another sale was held and Lamar bid in the property, but defaulted on payment.

Mrs. Strong Figures in Tangle.

At last Spaulding took a new tack and Mrs. Strong began suit for foreclosure under the first mortgage. The sale was made and Charles S. Cox bought in the property at \$71,150 for Spaulding. He immediately offered to transfer it to Lamar for that sum plus \$2,500 for expenses.

Before this sale could be confirmed the holders of the third and fourth mortgages, made by Bernard Smith, appeared and petitioned for a resale. They were Abraham Sartorius and Howard B. Smith, and represented that they knew of a purchaser who would pay \$82,000 for the property. They were called upon to give a bond for \$25,000 and in the multiple suits and cross suits following the parties on this bond were attacked. Then came Lamar's refusal to leave the property, and after innumerable hearings and appeals, the case went to the United States Supreme Court, which has had it under consideration for more than a year.

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Hundreds of the City's Poor to Feast Through Efforts of Almas Temple

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The benevolent spirit prevailed today at the Christmas offering by Almas Temple, when seven hundred unfortunate families of the city were each made happy by the presentation of a large basket of provisions for a Christmas dinner. The baskets were distributed from National Rifles Agency on G street, between Ninth and Tenth streets, and each contained a sack of flour, a ham, potatoes, one can of corn, one can of tomatoes, and two pounds each of coffee, sugar, hominy, rice, and beans.

Each member of the Temple presented a card to some worthy family which entitled it to a basket. If the recipient was a woman or little child, some member of the committee placed the basket on the car and paid her carriage home. All during the morning a steady stream of the poor of our city moved in and out each bringing the card which meant a veritable feast to them. First would come a tiny girl, who, in her tattered clothing, would pause on the threshold as though not fully realizing that it was all true. Then would come a mother with a child clinging to her skirts. She, too, would approach in a diffident, undecided manner, sometimes her face showing that although an object of charity now, in the past she had known better days and her eyes would droop as she realized her offering and realized the changes that a life of poverty had brought about.

But on each face there was that look of thankfulness that it does the heart good to see another person made happy, another made to realize what the true Christmas spirit is.

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ONE KILLED, ONE HURT
WHEN GAS EXPLODES

DONALDSONVILLE, Ga., Dec. 24.—Will Sandling, member of a leading family here, was killed and Al Lasson, cashier of a bank, was wounded in an accidental shooting yesterday at the Atlantic Coast Line station.

The shooting was done by Malcolm Adams. He was hunting a negro on the head with his revolver, when the weapon discharged. One bullet passed through Sandling's body and slightly wounded Lasson.

TRAIN OF ARMED MEN
GOES AFTER ASSASSIN

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 24.—A train has been chartered and occupied by 200 heavily armed men, who will rush to Mt. Olive, Miss. It is reported that the desperado who assassinated the town marshal at Mt. Olive has been captured.

PUBLIC LIBRARY CLOSED CHRISTMAS.

The District Public Library will be closed on Christmas Day. The library is closed only one other day in the year—July 4. It may, therefore, be expected that the library will be open on January 1.

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SCHMITZ IS HOT,
SUGGESTS A ROPE

Mayor Clashes With Relief Commissioners as to Refugees' Rent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 24.—At a meeting of the park commission Mayor Schmitz suggested that the commission should take steps to prevent the collection of rents from the refugees occupying cottages in the parks.

The mayor called attention to the fact that the relief commission had threatened, if interfered with by the city authorities, to cut off the medical supplies and to no longer afford proper sanitation for the refugees.

Commissioner Reuben H. Lloyd said if the clash between the relief commission and the local administration should go into the courts the refugees would have to stand the brunt of the suffering.

"What will become of these poor people?" asked the commissioner, addressing the mayor.

"The people will rise up," replied Mayor Schmitz, "and protest, and the result will be a rope for the relief commission."

No definite action was taken by the park commissioners.

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HOBBLES 2 MILES
ON BROKEN ANKLES

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—Great nerve was displayed by Walter Priest, sixteen years old, of 955 Lincoln avenue, Camden, when he hobbled two miles with a broken ankle to the West Jersey Homeopathic Hospital. He is employed at the Castle Kid Company's leather works at Broadway and Lemon street, as an elevator boy. He got his foot caught between the elevator and a floor and the bones in his ankle were broken. He insisted upon walking to the hospital. The surgeons expressed surprise that he was able to make the journey when he reached the hospital.

SUNRISE PRAYER MEETING
AT CALVARY BAPTIST

The Christian Endeavor Society of Calvary Baptist Church will hold a sunrise prayer meeting tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock. The meeting will be led by Walter B. Wooden. The public is cordially invited.

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Westerner Pays Dear To Learn of Oysters

A Western Congressman had a constituent visiting him for a few days. On the day of arrival of the constituent, after the latter had been shown around the big building on the hill, the national lawmaker suggested that they walk down the Avenue and get some steamed oysters.

Arriving where the oysters are served every style, the two took a seat, and the Congressman said to the waiter: "Bring us a peck of steamed."

In a few minutes the oysters were served; they were opened in front of the gentleman from the West, whose face now looked like the breaking up of a hard winter. Another peck was ordered and enjoyed.

Several days later the Congressman and his constituent entered the same oyster house. Picking up the bill of fare, the stranger said to the Congressman: "What do you say if we try the oysters stewed this time? I believe I would like a change."

"That will just suit me," replied the Congressman.

"Calling the waiter, the constituent said: 'Bring us a peck of stewed oysters.' The waiter stood still for a moment, and exclaimed: 'A peck of stewed; or, did you mean steamed?'"

"You heard what I said—a peck of stewed."

The waiter went away.

"Seems to take longer to get the stewed than it does the steamed," mused the constituent. "Yes," responded the Congressman, "I guess they must be rushed with orders," keeping down a smile.

Presently the waiter came, bearing a large tureen. "Great Scott!" the man exclaimed. "Didn't that fool waiter make a mistake? We couldn't get away with all that in three days. I only ordered a peck, like you did the other day, and look at the difference in the size of the order he has brought us."

When he paid his check he said to the Congressman, who had enjoyed the joke: "Well, I've learned something today."

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